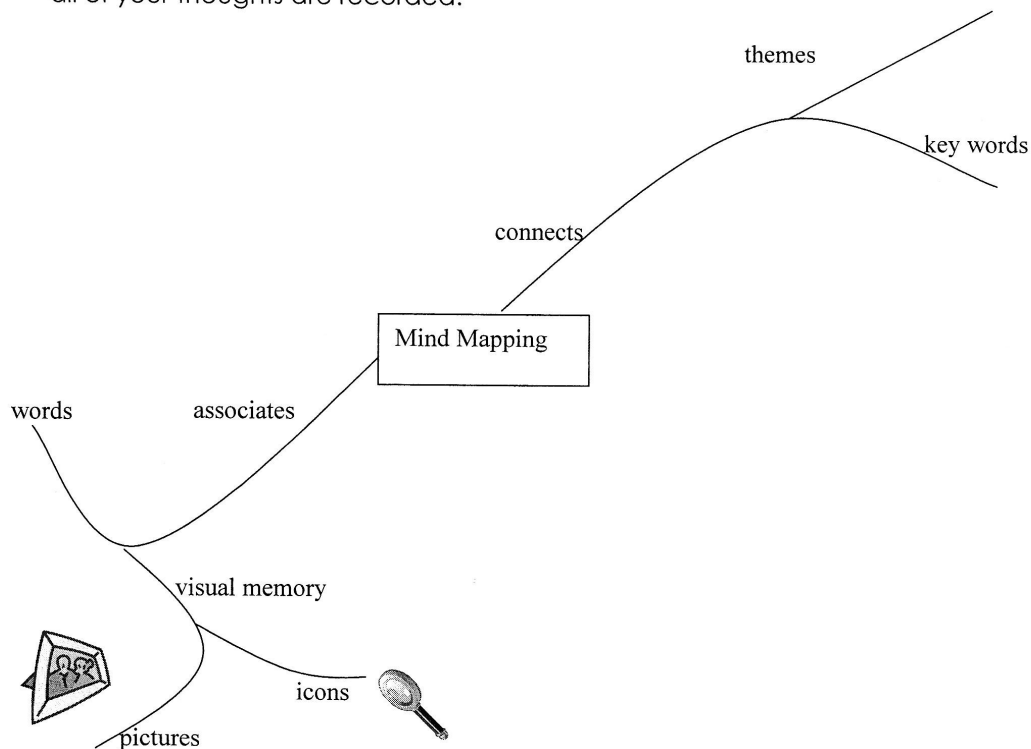


MIND MAPPING

Mind mapping is a strategy where students quickly relate to a central word or concept. Students map their thinking by writing out instant associations using only words or phrases. A mind map only has one main idea.

To create a mind map, start in the centre of a page and write down the main idea. As a theme, association, or key word comes to mind draw a line from the main idea and write it on the line. When ideas emerge check to see if this builds on an existing idea and then extend the line to write down the new element. If the idea is a variation of an existing idea then draw a branch off the existing idea and label it. Draw a new line from the main concept when adding a totally new theme. Remember to include clustering of similar ideas, single words or simple phrases, shapes to create boundaries that connect information, and visual memory cues (colour, symbols, icons). Go for speed instead of neatness to ensure that all of your thoughts are recorded.



Adapted from:

Saskatchewan Public School
<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/PD/instr/strats/mindmap/index.html>
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